

The Richard C. Johnson Memorial Galfer Award – 2021
BHS Performing Arts Senior Student
Due: April 30, 2021



THE AWARD

The Galfer Award is given as recognition to a BHS Senior who has helped elevate the spirit and achievement of the performing arts experience at BHS. This is not a talent based award, but rather recognition for contributions made over a tenure at BHS that promotes a spirit of excellence in the performing arts program at BHS. 2011 was the inaugural year of this annual award. The Award, this year, will be presented on May 10, 2021 in conjunction with the Fine Arts Recognition event.

THE BHSPAAE

The award is given by the BHS Performing Arts Alumni Endowment, a 501(c)3 public charity. The Endowment was formed in 2010 to celebrate 60 years of BHS Theatre achievements. The Endowment strives to fund this annual award as well as being a community advocate for the performing arts program at BHS. It also spearheads the archiving of the BHS Theatre history, much of which can be seen in the archives section of the web site www.bhstheater.com. The Awards Committee of the BHSPAAE, composed entirely of BHS Performing Arts Alumni, will review the applications received by the deadline and select a recipient. The Awardee will be contacted after May 3rd.

The BHSPAAE is an advocate of The Performing Arts at Barrington High School.
A continuing legacy of achievement.

RICHARD C. JOHNSON & THE GALFERS

Richard Johnson taught at BHS from 1947 to 1986 when he retired as the founding Chairman of the Performing Arts Dept. This program was nurtured by Mr. Johnson and the Performing Arts wing was created under his leadership. Our award is named in honor of the tireless efforts of Beth & Michael Galfer. Their work during the 1990s formed the *Arts Alive* initiative which raised over \$150k that would be used to renovate the RCJ Auditorium at BHS including **air conditioning** for the first time. Beth & Michael contributed greatly to both the spirit and achievement of the performing arts program at BHS. Michael's Galfer passing in 2010 left a legacy of memorial contributions to benefit the endowment. Their children, Miles '94 & Jeff '97, each Honor Thespians, were both very active in theatre while students at BHS.

For More Information:

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